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The International Secretariat of the World Organisation Against Torture has been informed of the release on probation of certain people - on whose behalf we had requested your intervention in the above-mentioned appeal - and of the presumed disappearance of others in **Indonesia/East Timor.**

Brief reminder of the situation :
In the above appeal the International Secretariat expressed grave concern for the physical and psychological integrity of **Bernadinho MAGALHAES, Abilio SOARES, Felipe ALBERTO, Paulo ALBERTO, Alberto** (no surname), arrested on 14 July 1996, and **Miguel MAIA MAU SOCO,** and **Pedro BORGES,** arrested on 22 July.

According to reliable information, all the above-mentioned persons were detained by members of battalion "Lino 700" of the Indonesian armed forces, and were from the neighbouring regions of Ermera and Bobonaro.

The information suggested that the arrests were related to the arrest of 14 other people in the Ermera region on 14 and 15 July (these were: **Matias da CUNHA, 28, Delfonso de DEUS, 16, Adolfo MADEIRA, 27, Bento MARTINS, 27, Helder MARTINS, 26, Hermano MARTINS, 16, Joao** (no surname), **14, Julio MARTINS, 28, Jacinto SOARES, 26, Luis TILMA, 19, Mateus TILMA, 27, Abilio XAVIER, 28, Sebastiao LELO ATI, 19,** and **Joao LELO BELI, 29**).

The last two persons were believed to be detained at KORAMIL (military headquarters) in Atsabe, and it was not known where the others were detained.

According to the information, reports were received of the torture in detention of **Sebastiao LELO ATI** and **Joao LELO BELI**, which suggested a grave risk of torture for the other detainees.

New Information:
Matias da CUNHA, Delfonso DE DEUS, Adolfo MADEIRA, Bento MARTINS, Helder MARTINS, Hermano MARTINS, Joao (no surname), **JACINTO SOARES, Luis TILMA** and **Mateus TILMA** were all arrested on 15 July when the Indonesian military conducted house to house raids following a fire at the Gleno market. **Alberto** (no surname), **Felipe ALBERTO, Paulo ALBERTO, Bernardinho MAGALHAES, Abilio SOARES, Miguel MAIA MAU SOCO** and **Pedro BORGES** were arrested on 14 July and detained for approximately 2 weeks by members of military battalion 700.

The information suggests that all these people were tortured while in detention and they are still required to report to the authorities.

Sebastiao LELO ATI, and **Joao LELO BELI** were both arrested and tortured on 14 July. However, their present whereabouts is still unconfirmed. Details of the arrest of **Julio MARTINS** and **Abilio XAVIER** are still unconfirmed. Their current whereabouts and status are unknown and there are grave fears for their integrity. Similarly grave fears are still held for **Ildefonso de DEUS DOS SANTOS,** known as **Maudino,** who also disappeared after the Gleno market fire.

Action requested :
Please contact the Indonesian authorities urging them to :

i. immediately locate the whereabouts of **Sebastiao LELO ATI, Joao LELO BELI, Julio MARTINS, Abilio XAVIER** and **Ildefonso de DEUS DOS SANTOS** and take the necessary measures to guarantee their physical and psychological integrity.

ii. order the immediate release of **Sebastiao LELO ATI, Joao LELO BELI, Julio MARTINS, Abilio XAVIER** and **Ildefonso de DEUS DOS SANTOS** if they are being held without valid

charges or, if such charges exist, bring them before a competent and impartial tribunal and guarantee their procedural rights at all times;

iii. open an exhaustive and impartial enquiry into the alleged illegal detentions and the practice of torture, identify those responsible, bring them to trial and apply the civil, penal and/or administrative sanctions provided by the law;

iv. ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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Geneva, 23 October 1996.

Kindly inform us of any action taken quoting the exact code of this appeal in your reply.